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(54) **Method for the production of multi-layer systems**

(57) A method for the production of multi-layer systems with N layers having predetermined thickness, especially for the production of multi-layer systems for wavelength ranges in the extreme ultraviolet and soft X-ray wavelength range is described, in which N layers are deposited and if need be one or more layers are partially removed after deposited and in which at the same time as deposition and/or removal of layers, the layers' reflectivity dependent on layer thickness is measured. The method includes the following steps:

- Calculation of a reflectivity-time curve of the multi-layer system to be produced
- Determination of points in time t_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$), at which the deposition of the i -th layer is to be stopped;
and if need be determination of points in time t_i' ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$), at which the partial removal of the i -th layer is to be stopped, and
at which the reflectivity at t_i or t_i' is in the range of a turning point of the reflectivity-time curve;
- Calculation of parameters k_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) for deposition and if need be k_i' ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) for partial

removal,

- Deposition of the first layer with simultaneous reflectivity measurement;
and calculation of the current parameter $k_{c/i}$ based on intensities of the reflectivity measurement;
- Stopping of the deposition as soon as $k_{c/i} = k_i$;
- and if need be partial removal of the first layer with simultaneous reflectivity measurement and calculation of the current parameter $k_{c'/i}$ based on intensities of the reflectivity measurement;
- Stopping of the partial removal as soon as $k_{c'/i} = k_i'$;
- Repetition of the previous steps for all subsequent layers up to and including layer N.

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